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1. [] (CEA) Talked to Representative William F. Ryan concerning his letter requesting information on the Agency's relationship to the U.S.S. "Liberty." After noting that we do not officially comment on this type of question, I informed him for his private information that the Agency had no relationship whatsoever to the U.S. S. "Liberty," nor did we have any personnel aboard. For that reason, his question relating to notification of belligerents regarding its location would have to be directed to the Department of Defense. After pointing out that I had no knowledge of the reason for the presence of the U.S.S. "Liberty" in the area, I noted that if it were in fact there for the purpose of electronic eavesdropping, this is a function of the National Security Agency and not of the CIA. Mr. Ryan appeared to be completely satisfied with the information furnished.

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2. [] (JSW) Talked with Philip Kelleher, Bill Woodruff, Bill Darden, and Bob Michaels indicating that the Anderson column on the U.S. S. "Liberty" being under CIA control was inaccurate. I asked them to pass on the word to the Subcommittee members.

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3. [] (JSW) Talked with John Gornien and Bill Waters, in the office of Senator Everett Dirksen, to indicate our views on S.1035. I specifically requested Waters to bring this matter to the Senator's attention to see if he would support the Agency request for an exemption. I explained our reasons for the request in some detail. Waters thought we could count on Senator Dirksen but in any event he will be in touch.

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4. [] (GLC) Talked with Miss Guffey, Bureau of the Budget, concerning the status of comments on S.518, a bill to amend the Administrative Procedures Act. At my request, Miss Guffey is sending us copies of changes in the bill which have been suggested by the Department of Justice and which have been circulated to various regulatory agencies for comment.

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